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EBARC Meeting

October 12, 2007
7:30 p.m.

"Scarborough Reef & ARRL"
Bob Vallio, W6RGG



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets the second Friday of each month
at the Salvation Army, 4600 Appian Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.
at 6527 Arlington Blvd., Richmond. For directions call 415-305-2547.

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Deadline for Nov. issue: Tuesday, Oct. 30th

[Articles may be submitted by "snail" mail, by dictation over the 'phone 510-741-8227, or by e-mail to aa6xz@earthlink.net]

NOTE: Next month's deadline gives me very little time to prepare the November issue. Please submit info early, if possible. TNX MCH, Ye Olde Editor.

President's Sidetone

Jack Burris, K6JEB

Last month we were quite fortunate to have Dean Straw, N6BV, present to us about contesting. And by the way, he's *venerable* in the sense of "impressive dignity; worthy of veneration or reverence, because of high office and accomplishment". Besides, he wasn't the only kid on the block with a kerosene-powered guitar! :)

This month's speaker will be ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio, W6RGG. Bob will be sharing his experiences as part of the BS7H DXpedition to Scarborough Reef (aka "Scaffolding Reef"), situated in the South China Sea. You may have seen photos of Bob sitting at his operating desk on a rock out in the middle of the water.

The DXpedition certainly was up against the elements, and even some folks who stopped-by to finagle some gas. But how many of you

have heard about this? "The U.S. military used the reef for bombing practice during the 1990 confrontation with Iraq, complicating matters. Large and unique underwater dune-like structures of organ-pipe coral tens of meters long were used as targets. Substantial areas of coral were torn apart by the explosions. Many of the bombs failed to explode, littering the lagoon with live ordnance." (for more info see http://pubs.wri.org/pubs_content_text.cfm?ContentID=86)

I guess when Bob says they had a "blast" he probably didn't mean any unexploded munitions went off. hi hi!

October also brings us two outstanding local events:

- The California QSO Party (see <http://www.cqp.org/> for more info): Begins 1600 UTC - 6 October 2007 Ends: 2200 UTC - 7 October 2007
- Pacificon (see <http://www.pacificon.org/> for more info): October 19 through 21 Marriott Hotel - San Ramon, California. Get your tickets now.

We need EBARC members to staff the club table at Pacificon. If you can cover the table for a couple of hours, we may even reimburse you for your Pacificon ticket. Contact me if you're interested.

And of course right in between these two events is our EBARC meeting on Friday, October 12 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the El Sobrante Salvation Army on Appian Way. I hope to see you there, and please bring a friend!!!

Many thanks to Michael McMillan, K6MCM, for proofreading this month's *Blown Fuse*.

General Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2007

Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Secretary

Meeting called to order by Jack at 19:35 PDT

Gordy reported that he's sent our tax information to the accountant and we should owe no taxes.

Stanton reported that Home Depot would like us to compose a letter to them requesting a donation or 20% discount on items we'll need for doing the roof repair on the club station next year. He also suggested that members check to see if they have any materials that they might be able to donate toward the roof repair.

Peter reported that Chris Baldo, AI6S, sent us a \$200 donation toward club station repairs.

Jack reminded us that Pacificon is next month. He has spoken to Ti-Michelle Connelly about getting a table for EBARC where we can recruit new members at Pacificon.

Bob Vallio made a brief pitch for re-electing Andy Oppel. Although he likes the opposing candidate as well, he has worked very well with Andy for many years.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:47 PDT, and a presentation on "Contesting for Beginners" was given by Dean Straw.

Treasurer's Report

August & September, 2007

Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer

JULY/AUGUST INCOME

Membership Renewal, K6SRZ.....\$25.00
Roofing Fund Donation, AI6S200.00
Coffee Kitty, Aug10.00
Coffee Kitty, Sep22.15
Total Aug/Sep Income\$257.15

JULY/AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS

Blown Fuse Printing (Aug).....\$18.01
Blown Fuse Printing (Sep).....21.01
Blown Fuse Postage (Aug).....16.40
Blown Fuse Postage (Sep).....16.81
AT&T (W6CUS phone Aug)17.61
AT&T (W6CUS phone Sep)18.01
Donation to Salvation Army.....400.00
AI Streit (2006 Income Tax).....150.00
Total Aug/Sep Disbursements .\$657.85

BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS

Checking (General Fund).....\$4,204.39
Savings (Station Fund*)\$3,189.79

*\$760 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

2008 EBARC Membership Renewal

Name

Call Sign

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License Class (circle)

Street

City, State, Zip

Phone (include area code)

e-mail address

ARRL Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Membership Type ☐ Regular ☐ Family
Blown Fuse delivery ☐ e-mail ☐ snail mail

Dues: Regular \$25, Family \$30, K-12 \$10

Mail to P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530

Additional family member name(s), call, and class

Please use the lines above to tell us your ham interests,
and any non-ham skills or hobbies

Nominations for 2008 EBARC Officers

The EBARC nominating committee for this year consists of: Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF; Peter Hoffman, W6DEI; and Syl Goldberg, W8JSN.

The following people have agreed to have their names placed in nomination for office for 2008:

President, Jack Burris, K6JEB
1st VP, (nobody yet)
2nd VP, Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF
3rd VP, Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ
Treasurer, Gordon Parsons, NU6W
Secretary, Peter Hoffman, W6DEI

If any other member of the club would like to run for any office, please notify any member of the committee. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted during the November meeting.

Badges Are Growing Whiskers

Joe Lee, W6DOB, is still holding several EBARC badges (listed below). Please claim them by calling him at 510-724-0533.

PAUL N6YPW
DYAN KV6AF
NATASHA KG6OSP
WIL K6SEZ
DUKE N6PIX
HR KD6WUS
MARC K6MMG
ALBERT KB6VMA
BOB K6ZLG

Yup, it's weird... This issue has a blank page (to save on printing costs) – Ye Olde Editor

EBARC Roster Update

- **NEW ADDRESS:** Marion (K6MZ), Peter (KQ6ZL), and Teresa (KF6OFZ) Millar have moved to 59 Muckelemy St., #124, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045. Their new phone is 530-852-7496.

Future Bay Area Events

- ARRL & MDARC's *PACIFICON 2007*, October 19-21, 2007, San Ramon Marriott Hotel, San Ramon, CA. For events, schedules, and ticket sales, see www.pacificon.org. For hotel reservations, call 800-228-9290 before 10/4/07, and mention the Pacificon 2007 rate of \$84.
- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: Robert 925-560-5646 (h). More info at www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html
- South Bay Electronics Flea Market, 2nd Saturday of each month, March through October, De Anza College, Cupertino. Details at www.asvaro.org. Talk-in on 145.27 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL).
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. The remaining session for 2007 will be Sunday Oct. 28th. Exams are held in the 2nd floor conference room of the Kaiser Building, 1950 Franklin, Oakland (1 block from the 19th St. BART station). The 2007 fee (and retest fee) remains at \$14. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details, RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

Holiday Party
Contra Costa Communications Club
& East Bay Amateur Radio Club

Saturday December 8, 2007

{Deadline for ALL reservations November 30, 2007}

12:30 p.m. (seating begins) 1:00 p.m. (lunch served)

Marie Callender's Restaurant & Bakery
2090 Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA 94520
(925) 827-4930

(Number for each entrée & pie)

_____ **Meatloaf Luncheon** [Mash Potatoes & Gravy, Seasonal Mix Vegetables, Cornbread]

_____ **Roasted Turkey Luncheon** [Stuffing, Mash Potatoes & Gravy, Seasonal Mix Vegetables, Cornbread]

_____ **Lemon Chicken Luncheon** [Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Mix Vegetables, Cornbread]

_____ **Soup/Salad Bar** –Self Served – located on the other side of restaurant from our room.

_____ **Sugar Free Apple Pie**

_____ **Apple Pie**

_____ **Pumpkin Pie**

_____ **Chocolate Cream Pie**

Meal includes either: fountain drink, iced tea or coffee –*SELF SERVED TABLE WILL BE SET UP IN THE ROOM*

Name(s):_____

_____ @ \$18.00 per person = \$_____

Make check payable to "Contra Costa Communication Club"
Mail to: P.O. Box 20661, El Sobrante, CA 94820-0661
(Yes you can include your dues for the 4C's on one check)
Questions: Please contact Barbara Grazer-Robinson KD6OKJ
510-222-4990

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$25 for individual membership, \$30 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, call (510) 233-7509, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page www.eastbayarc.org, or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond. The packet station, W6CUS-1, is on 145.630 Mhz, and is linked to the EAST BAY LAN (EBAY) on 223.720 Mhz.

2007 EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

Jack Burris, K6JEB, President	415-305-2547
Ron Smith, KE6RS, 1 st VP - Program Chair.....	724-5099
Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, 2 nd VP – Hospitality Chair	526-4089
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AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO RACES/ARES Net	Thurs	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Tech Net	Thurs	2000 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Northern Calif. Net VHF Session	Daily	1930 (PL 107.2-)	145.410
"Going Home Group"	Mo-Fr	1600 (PL 82.5-)	145.110

Asst. EC West CoCoCo: Steve Adams, KF6WNH, sadams0584@aol.com; home: 510-236-9770
work: 510-893-7900 x 270; pager 510-765-4618. Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.